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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Special State-Defense Study Group

SUBJECT: Strategic Study to Determine Overseas Base Requirements

1. It is desired that the Study Group undertake a study on the United States world-wide strategy oriented toward establishment of US base requirements overseas.

2. This study would be an examination of the existing base structure overseas in the light of current and projected US strategy and the 1971-1978 strategic movement capabilities, with the objective of determining requirements for base areas, alternatives, and the political feasibility of obtaining, maintaining and securing such bases. The study will be based upon the assumptions that US treaty commitments will remain essentially as they are today, and should consider US bases, bases jointly used by US and other forces, and bases to which the US would have access in certain contingencies.

3. The Director for the Study will be a senior military officer designated by the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. Co-Deputy Directors will be as appointed by the Secretary of State and the military General officer assigned to the study group.

4. Request that proposed terms of reference and the recommended augmentation and/or modification of the Study

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Group for the accomplishment of this Study be submitted to the Senior Policy Group as soon as possible after assignment of the Study Director and the State Department Co-Deputy Director. For planning purposes, the tentative date for initiation of this study is 1 January 1968.

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